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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"As the tax is now abolished, we need not go into the origin of the levy. The hon. Member is wrong in thinking that by this method we are increasing the tax. Suppose the land tax and the palmyrah tax was Rs. 20, now it is reduced to Rs. 2–13–0. Suppose the land tax and the palmyra tax was Rs. 1–4–0, it will not be increased to Rs. 2–13–0. So it is an advantage in every respect."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—"மரத்திற்கு வரி, நிலத்திற்கு வரி என்று இரட்டை வரியிருந்ததிலிருந்து, மரத்து வரியை ரத்து செய்துவிட்டு நில வரியை முன்பு இருந்தது போலவே வைத்திருக்கிறார்களா? அல்லது மரத்து வரியை அதிகப்படுத்தியிருக்கிறார்களா என்று கேட்கிறேன்?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—"I am sorry that in spite of the very clear exposition, the position has not been understood. The existing tax in those cases is made up of two items. Now the tree tax is abolished and the land revenue should be fixed. Instead of having an elaborate resettlement for the classification of the land, we took the lower of the two."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—"Is the Hon. Minister for Land Revenue aware that such discrepancy exists also in places other than Tirunelveli? For instance, in the Rameswaram Island, tax is levied on the palmyra trees as well as on the land. Will the Government look into the matter and remove the discrepancy?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"It is not on all fours with this case. Here it is a palmyrah tax but in Rameswaram it is a tax on other trees also. It is being looked into."

SRI P. SELVARAJ :—"பனை மரத்தின் மீது வரி போடுவதை ரத்து செய்யும் கொள்கை ஜமீன்தாரி பிரதேசங்களுக்கும் விஸ்தரிக்கப்படுமா என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்களைக் கேட்கிறேன்?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"There are two kinds of zamindari areas—those which have been taken over by the Government and those which have not yet been taken over. The hon. Member will give me some time to look into the matter."

Starting of Power and Cottage industries.

* 83 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have started any power and cottage industries in the State during the year 1952–53 to solve unemployment ; and

(*b*) if so, what are the industries started and the number of persons provided with work?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—"(*a*) No Sir.

"(*b*) Does not arise."

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SRI A. RATNAM :—" தனிப்பட்டவர்களால் எத்தனை தொழிற்சாலைகள் ஆரம்பிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன ? அவைகளுக்கு அளிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும் மானியம், கடன் முதலியவைகளை கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்லுவார்களா ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" If the hon. Member puts a separate question, I shall answer."

Four per cent loan, 1963.

* 84 *Q.*—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the schemes on which the amount raised through the 4 per cent loan will be utilized; and

(*b*) whether it is proposed to utilize this amount for taking up works for which estimates have already been sanctioned by the Government or whether it is proposed to take up other works?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The proceeds of the 4 per cent Loan, 1963, after repayment of the outstanding balance of the 3 per cent Loan, 1953 (about Rs. 142 lakhs) are to be utilized for financing the capital expenditure on Electricity and Irrigation Works.

" (*b*) The share of the residuary Madras State in the net proceeds of the Loan is about 6 crores. This will be utilized mainly to meet the expenditure on works in progress. Works already sanctioned by the Government but not yet taken up will receive the next priority. New works also may be sanctioned by the Government according to needs and availability of funds, including loans from the Government of India."

Village Vaidya Scheme.

* 85 *Q.*—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many persons have been trained under the Village Vaidya Scheme up to date;

(*b*) why the Government have discontinued the Mangalore Training Centre;

(*c*) what arrangements have been made by the Government for the employment of the trained hands; and

(*d*) whether the Government have received any representation from the panchayat boards to the effect that they will employ them if the Government are prepared to pay adequate subsidy as the finances of the panchayat boards are insufficient to give them reasonable terms?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Nine hundred and thirty persons up to 9th April 1953. Seventy-seven more are undergoing training.

" (*b*) This centre was not attracting enough candidates for training.